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RIVER TRANSPORTATION REPORTS SUCCESS,
COMPLETES WITH RAILROADS

RUSSIAN RIVER EXCEEDS JULY PLAN -- Krasnyy Flot, No 185, 7 Aug 49

The USSR river fleet has exceeded the July plan for freight transport in tons and ton-kilometers. The transport plan was exceeded for grain, salt, coal, timber in rafts and on ships, and was not fulfilled for petroleum.

Compared with the same period of 1948, freight transport in July 1949 increased 16 percent.

Vechernyaya Moskva, No 182, 2 Aug 49

The Moskva-Oka river fleet completed the July plan for tons and ton-kilometers, as well as for transport of petroleum, rafts, timber, mineral construction materials, and salt. Since the beginning of the navigation season, the fleet has transported 200,000 tons of freight above plan.

INCREASED WATER SHIPMENTS URGED -- Rechnoy Transport, No 60, 29 Jul 49

In a letter to the editor, G. Derevyanko, director of the Nizhny Metallurgical Plant on the Kama River, said that the plant sent all of its goods by rail last year. This year the plant has turned to river shipments as a supplementary form of transportation. It has already shipped 1,500 tons of metal by water during the 24 months of the river shipping season.

Some clients object to having their orders shipped by water. The Gor'kiy Automobile Plant, for example, warned that it would not pay for any metal shipped to it by river transport. However, such plants are on the decrease.

The above letter received by the editors of Rechnoy Transport demonstrates that river ship lines must exert their efforts of obtaining more orders not only from those shipping freight but from those receiving freight. Many enterprises categorically refuse to accept orders shipped by water because of the alleged slowness of this means of transportation. The new movement launched by the Volga Diesel ship Tatarsiya of attaining and exceeding speeds maintained by railroad transport can do much to expand river freight operations.

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SHIP ACHIEVES LOCOMOTIVE SPEED -- Krasnyy Flot, No 180, 2 Aug 49

The Diesel ship Litva recently carried a cargo a distance of 371 kilometers to Kiev in 23 hours. This was the first time that a Diesel ship of the Verkhniy Dnepr Fleet attained the speed of a locomotive.

RIVER BOATS REACH EAST -- Gudok, No 108, 9 Sep 49

The Arctic expedition taking river ships to the eastern river basins along the northern sea route has successfully reached its destination, having traversed more than 6,000 kilometers of rivers, lakes, and seas during the journey. All ships have been delivered to their destinations safely and will be put into transport operations in the near future.

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